

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
March 12, 2017 at Eight Forty-five
Second Sunday of Lent

Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

GATHERING

Voluntary: O Mensch bewein dein Sünde gross.....J. S. Bach

Welcome.....Michael Williams
Please take a moment to record your attendance in the registration pad found near the center aisle, pass it to your neighbor, and then pass the pad back to the center. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so we may share additional information about our church with you.

Introit: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.....Richard Redhead

† Processional Hymn No. 545: The Church’s One Foundation.....Aurelia

† Greeting.....Becky Peeler
Liturgist: *Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.*
People: **God’s steadfast love endures forever!**
Liturgist: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!*
People: **All the people of the land,
from the east to the west
and from the north to the south
shall praise God’s holy name!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)
**Merciful God, how fickle we are;
we sin against you without even knowing it.
Forgive us from failing to honor all our relationships.
Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle and destroy.
Forgive us for thinking everything
depends on our efforts and power.
Help us to depend on you alone
and to rest in your peace.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us hear this word open to your voice. Silence our agendas, confound our expectations, and clear the cobwebs from our ears. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.

Lesson from the Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10.....(pew Bible, page 950)

Response to the Lesson

Liturgist: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
The children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri to join Michael at the chancel.

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

Sermon: God, Who Is Rich in Mercy.....Michael Williams

† Affirmation: I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20..... No. 888

† Passing of the Peace
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to pass the peace of Christ to those around you.)

Joys & Concerns of the Church..... Erin Racine

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Offertory: Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God.....T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.
Ephesians 4:30-32

† Doxology.....No. 95

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 553: And Are We Yet AliveDennis

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Amen.....Orlando Gibbons

Voluntary: Fantasy in C Minor BWV 537.....J.S Bach
*The postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Head Ushers: John Nance and Byron Burrus

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of Sarah Park and in memory of Wayne and Alice Feehrer, Clarence and Sara Moore, Willis Park, Buddy and Jane Patten, and Talmadge and Juanita Phillips by Sarah Jane and Chase Moore.

Ann Towery Douglass,
daughter of Scott McLean Douglass and Lauren Williams Douglass,
will be presented for baptism in the 11 o’clock service.

The rose on the Communion Table is to celebrate the birth of Avery Virginia Smith born on February 9, 2017 to Ashley and Jared Smith.
She is also welcomed by her big sister Emma.

Music Participants: The Sanctuary Choir. Associate Minister of Music, Andrew Risinger is directing. Caitlin Dowling is assisting at the organ. Kyle Collier, tenor.

Hymnic Notes: The processional, originally titled, “The Holy Catholic Church,” was one of twelve hymns composed in 1866, on the twelve articles of the Apostles’ Creed in support of traditional means of dating and tracing the authorship of the Pentateuch, and countering the then-new source-criticism. The tune AURELIA, (from *aurea*, golden), composed by Charles Wesley’s grandson, Samuel Sebastian, famed Victorian composer and cathedral organist, is a paradigm of melodic and harmonic simplicity. The recessional is sung by Methodists around the world to share experiences each may have had since they last met, and affirm God’s love and redeeming power.
(Hymnic notes by Carlton Young)

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Preaching: Michael Williams
"God, Who Is Rich in Mercy"

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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